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1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS DECEMBER
12. WE HAVE RECONCILED LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, AND ONLY REMAINING ITEM NOT SETTLED IS ISSUE OF "BY ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS" IN ARTICLE I, PARA 2, FIRST LINE. IF DEPT. CONCURS IN OUR RECOMMENDATION (REFTEL C, PARA 2), WE SUBSTITUTE "THE PARTIES WILL FACILITATE", AND OTHER MINOR CHANGES LISTED IN REFTEL C, THE AGREEMENT CAN BE TYPED IN TIME FOR SIGNING CEREMONY NOW SCHEDULED FOR 13:30 DECEMBER
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2. WE ALSO RECONCILED LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF THE PROGRAM AND

REACHED AGREEMENT ON ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES. WE ARE NOW
TYPING PROGRAM, AND ASSUMING NO NEW PROBLEMS ARISE, IT CAN
BE SIGNED TOMORROW.

3. IN ARTICLE II OF PROGRAM WE HAVE SPELLED OUT ALL REFERENCES
TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, AS RECOMMENDED
REFTEL B, PARA 2. IN SECOND SENTENCE PARA 10, WORD "DETERMINED"
REMAINS, RATHER THAN "CONVEYED", AS RECOMMENDED BY USIA.

4. RE IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS, WE HAVE TWO REMAINING ISSUES:
A) RE DEPARTMENTS DESIRE TO HIGHLIGHT SEPARATE NATURE OF AGREE-
MENTS (REFTEL A, PARA 1 A), AFTER EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS, QUESTION
REMAINS UNRESOLVED. GOR HAS NO PROBLEM WITH SUBSTANCE OF
PRESENT LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE I (H) OF CONDITIONS. IN ADDITION,
THEY ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT MODIFICATIONS OF LANGUAGE PROPOSED
IN REFTEL A AND ITS INCLUSION IN NEW ARTICLE V. THEY HAVE
POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT RELOCATION OF THIS LANGUAGE WILL
RESULT IN THE PAYMENT TO SHORT-TERM U.S. SPECIALISTS

UNDER THE SCIENCE ACCORDS LISTED IN ARTICLE II OF THE
PROGRAM, OF A SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER DAILY STIPEND THAN THEY NOW
RECEIVE. FYI: AT PRESENT THESE VISITORS ARE PAID BY NCST
ACCORDING TO PROVISIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER 1973-74 IMPLEMENTING
CONDITIONS FOR SHORT-TERM VISITORS. IF U.S. PROPOSAL TO RE-
LOCATE THIS LANGUAGE IS ACCEPTED BY GOR, THEY WILL NO LONGER
BE ABLE TO PAY MORE THAN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN NEW
IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS. THIS WOULD MEAN A REDUCTION FROM 130
TO 80 LEI PER DAY FOR THESE VISITING AMERICANS. ALTHOUGH IT IS
DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN THE BYZANTINE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE PROB-
LEM, GOR MADE IT CLEAR THEY CAN ACCEPT OUR PROPOSAL, BUT WE MUST
UNDERSTAND ITS IMPACT. ACCORDINGLY WE PLAN, UNLESS OTHERWISE
INSTRUCTED, TO RETAIN PRESENT LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE I (H) AND ITS
PRESENT LOCATION IN THE PROGRAM.

B. GOR DEL AT CLOSE OF TODAY'S SESSION INTRODUCED NEW
PROPOSAL IN CONNECTION WITH HOUSING STIPEND TO BE PAID AMERICAN
STUDENTS AND RESEARCH SCHOLARS IN ROMANIA. AS DEPT AWARE, WE
GAINED THIS PROVISION TWO YEARS AGO, WHICH ENABLES AMERICAN
STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS STUDYING HERE TO LIVE IN PRIVATE HOMES
RATHER THAN IN DORMITORIES. ISSUE HAS BEEN COMPLICATED SINCE
YESTERDAY BY PROMULGATION OF NEW GOR DECREE WHICH REQUIRES FOREIGN
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VISITORS TO RESIDE IN HOTELS OR OTHER STATE-OWNED RESIDENCES EFFEC-
TIVE EARLY NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO SEE COPY OF
DECREE BUT EXPECT TO TOMORROW. ROMANIANS HAVE, HOWEVER, MADE
PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE DAILY HOUSING ALLOWANCE ADEQUATE TO MEET
RESULTING INCREASED HOUSING COSTS. DEPENDING ON NATURE OF
STATE-OWNED QUARTERS PROVIDED, THIS RAISES SERIOUS QUESTIONS
ABOUT IREX AGREEMENT WHERE ALL PRESENT PARTICIPANTS LIVE IN
PRIVATE HOUSING. IT MAY ALSO LIMIT CIES TO SINGLE APPLICANTS

OR TO MARRIED PERSONS WILLING TO TRAVEL WITHOUT FAMILIES.
EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO U.S., IT RAISES QUESTIONS REGARDING GOR
COMMITMENT "TO FACILITATE" PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, WE DOUBTFUL
OF THEIR ABILITY TO PROVIDE "ADEQUATE" HOUSING GIVEN TIGHT LOCAL
SITUATION IN THIS RESPECT.

5. AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT AT 2100 LOCAL TONIGHT WITH DEPFONMIN
GLIGA TO OBTAIN SATISFACTORY ASSURANCES COVERING OUR GRANTEEES
HOUSING NEEDS. FOLLOWING THIS, WE WILL REVIEW SITUATION AND
SEEK BEST POSSIBLE FORMULATION TO ALLOW IMPLEMENTING
CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLETED. SIGNING NOW TENTATIVELY SET FOR
1230 DECEMBER 13, ASSUMING RESOLUTION REMAINING QUESTIONS.

6. STATE 272516 JUST RECEIVED. MANY THANKS.
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